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Can Congress Deal With Commies?

ONE EFFECT of the recent Supreme Court decision declaring unconstitutional the federal law prohibiting Communists from holding positions in labor unions may be to give the Communist party virtually a free hand in the United States.

In the opinion of Strom Thur-



Hoover



Thurmond

mond, the senator from South Carolina, the decision "virtually paralyzes the ability of Congress to deal with the threat of the Communist party. The decision denies the power of Congress to prevent members of the Communist party from holding offices in labor unions, but by implication it does far more: It impugns the power of the Congress to prohibit members of the Communist party from holding public office, or even from holding sensitive positions in such security agencies as the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense and the National Security Agency."

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ON THE FACE of it, Sen. Thurmond would seem to be right. If Congress has no right to pass a law saying a Communist cannot hold an office in organized labor, then it has no right to forbid a Communist from holding any other kind of position, either inside or outside of government.

No doubt, as FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover warned last March 4, the Supreme Court's latest decision will encourage the Communist party, U.S.A., to come more into the open, although it has not been noticeably shy recently.

What Mr. Hoover said — and his words are worth absorption and study — was: "Encouraged by recent court decisions which the party considers major victories in its efforts to nullify the Internal Security Act of 1950, and convinced that a large segment of the population is ready to accept some form of socialism as a cure for domestic problems, such as civil rights and poverty, the party has streamlined its structure in preparation for operating more openly. Through its stepped-up programs, the party, of course, hopes that numerous Americans will become lulled by the mass of high-sounding Communist propaganda and eventually lose perspective of the issues involved and gravitate to the party."

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Red Infiltration

Editor: According to recent reports, a defector by the name of Michal Goleniewsky from the Soviet Secret Police has informed U. S. officials that Moscow has placed active "cells" in the CIA and State Department.

It is not too hard to believe as it would seem someone for years has been actively twisting or withholding intelligence reports.

World events make one wonder at the possibilities of Red infiltration in all our departments.

Where are the cries of alarm—at least an investigation?

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(It's difficult to know when to believe the Reds. — Editor.)